

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendment to the Title:

Please delete the present title and substitute the following therefor:

--METHODS OF PRODUCING A COATED PREPARATION--

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A production method of producing a coated preparation, which comprises coating a core containing an active ingredient with a dispersion of pioglitazone hydrochloride in an organic solvent, which contains polyvinylpyrrolidone a coating base soluble in organic solvents.
- 2.-3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) The production method of claim 31, wherein the active ingredient is a therapeutic agent for diabetes.
5. (Currently Amended) The production method of claim 4, wherein the therapeutic agent for diabetes is a biguanide.
6. (Currently Amended) The production method of claim 5, wherein the biguanide is metformin hydrochloride.
7. (Currently Amended) The production method of claim 1, wherein the organic solvent is an alcohol or a ketone.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~production~~ method of claim 1, wherein the organic solvent is ethanol.

9. (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) A method for improving dissolution of pioglitazone hydrochloride from a preparation coated with pioglitazone hydrochloride, which comprises, when producing said preparation, coating a core containing an active ingredient with a dispersion of pioglitazone hydrochloride in an organic solvent, which contains polyvinylpyrrolidone a ~~coating base soluble in organic solvents~~.

11.-12. (Canceled)